

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐  
no ☒

Property Name: Ridgeway-Hagen House Inventory Number: PG 76A-1  
Address: 3915 Summer Road Historic district: ☐ yes ☒ no  
City: Suitland Zip Code: 20746 County: Prince Georges  
USGS Quadrangle(s): Anacostia  
Property Owner: Maryland National Capital Parks and Planning Commission Tax Account ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 333 Tax Map Number: 88  
Project: Henson Creek Land Mobile Radio Emergency Services Tower Agency: Prince George's County  
Agency Prepared By: KCI Technologies, Inc.  
Preparer's Name: Sandra Scaffidi Date Prepared: 11/30/2007  
Documentation is presented in: MIHP Form PG 76A-1 (1985)  
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: ☐ Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended  
Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G  
*Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:*  
Name of the District/Property: \_\_\_\_\_  
Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Eligible: ☐ yes Listed: ☐ yes  
Site visit by MHT Staff ☐ yes ☒ no Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

**Description of Property**

The Ridgeway-Hagen House is located in a rural setting in suburban Suitland, Maryland. The dwelling and associated outbuildings are situated in an overgrown setting surrounded by bamboo, deciduous and evergreen trees, as well as heavy vegetation. The dwelling is located on a 32-acre parcel that is owned by the Maryland National Capital Parks and Planning Commission (MNCPPC). Access to the site is provided by an overgrown trail, littered with felled trees and briar bushes, that extends for approximately ¼ mile through the forested area to the dwelling site.

The main dwelling is one and a half stories in height with a steeply pitched gable roof clad in standing seam metal. The original Hall and Parlor plan was modified with two shed roof frame additions. The building is clad in clapboard siding and is situated on a brick foundation.

The façade is oriented to the north. The off-center entrance is flanked by paired six-over-six double-hung windows east of the entrance and a single, six-over-six double-hung window west of the entrance. The window glass is either missing or broken in

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many of the windows. The doorway consists of an open rectangular hole, which no longer has a door. The entry has a large, front gable porch roof supported by concrete pillars (which, according to the 1985 MIHP form, are brick piers covered in concrete). Embedded in the concrete of the pillars are small fragments of colored glass and pebble dashing. The frame pediment is clad in vertical board and batten siding with a decorative edge. A shed roof dormer with two, six-over-six double-hung sash windows, dominates the roofline.

The east and west elevations have frame, single-story shed roof additions. Both additions have a standing seam metal roof. The western elevation has a small square addition which, according to the 1985 MIHP form, was constructed in the 1920s to serve as a bathroom. The west elevation addition is one room deep and extends only halfway across the west side of the house. The addition has a small, fixed square window in the south elevation. The shed roof addition on the east elevation serves more as additional storage or possibly as a lean-to animal shelter. The addition is frame, clad in vertical plank siding and has a door opening (sans door) and a six-light hopper window opening on the south elevation. The north elevation has a large opening to access the interior, which is strewn with trash.

The south elevation has a central entrance topped with a shed roof hood supported by hewn wood posts. The central entrance is flanked by single, six-over-six double-hung sash windows, which are in serious disrepair. A small crawl space is located underneath the rear door and is cut into the brick foundation. A stoop no longer joins the entrance to the porch or to the ground below. The shed addition on the east end of the house extends across the length of the east elevation.

Several outbuildings are located on the property. A small shed sits southeast of the dwelling. The shed is composed of frame members which are clad in corrugated metal. The front gable roof is also clad in the corrugated metal. A wood plank door clad in tar paper allows access to the building, as does a large hole in the rear wall. A shelf sits at a height of approximately five feet. The interior of the shed does not offer any clues to its original use. It is currently strewn with trash.

Southeast of the dwelling is a frame building that appears to have been a former outhouse. The building is comprised of vertical planks with a shed roof. The building is surrounded by briars and is inaccessible.

A concrete block garage and a frame shed covered with corrugated metal are located to the northeast. Both of these buildings contain a large amount of debris including wood, buckets, auto parts, appliances, metal drums, household items, and old paint cans. The concrete block garage appears to be a modern construction. The garage has a front gable roof with a standing seam metal roof. The gable ends have a vent and asphalt shingles in a brick pattern. The entrance is covered in large sheets of metal and appeared to be inaccessible. The doors were flanked by two, two-over-two window openings, which no longer contain glass. The west elevation of the garage has large openings which appeared to be window openings, but no longer contain glass or fenestration elements.

The final outbuilding is a three bay frame shed with a raised center front gable roof (perhaps a former clerestory roof) which is located northeast of the dwelling. The building is constructed of hewn tree limbs and sawn 2 x 4s. The building is clad in corrugated metal. The façade faces northwest and has three openings which reveal the trash strewn interior. The rear of the building (east elevation) is clad in tar paper. This building does not have any exposed fenestration.

All of these outbuildings are in a state of disrepair.

#### Eligibility Recommendation

This resource is recommended not eligible for listing in the NRHP.

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The resource does not appear to be eligible for the NRHP under Criterion A as it does not appear that the resource contributes to a pattern of events or a thematic episode significant in state, local or national history. Under Criterion A, KCI considered this resource with an agricultural context, a local industry context, as well as early settlement patterns of Prince Georges County.

A review of the history of the landowners and the property does not indicate any association with any theme or pattern of events significant in state, local or national history; therefore the resource does not appear to be eligible under Criterion A. The property was originally owned by William Spalding, for whom the district was named in 1811, although it appears that the land was unimproved at that time (MIHP Form PG 76A-1). According to US Census Data, the Ridgeway family primarily consisted of carpenters, with four generations of Ridgeway family members employed in the trade between 1840 and 1930 (US Census 1860-1930). According to the 1878 Atlas of Prince George's County: Spaldings District, Frank, Jesse and L. [Levin] Ridgeway all lived in close proximity to the subject study area. A wheelwright shop is also located nearby, suggesting that the carpenters perhaps worked in the wheelwright industry and not within an agricultural context. Neither the dwelling nor the outbuildings retain any elements pertaining to an agricultural or carpentry context. The dwelling no longer retains its original fireplace surround or its original façade. Preliminary research was conducted through US census data, historic maps, and early histories of Prince Georges County. A bibliography of works consulted is included at the end of this form.

The resource does not appear to be eligible for the NRHP under Criterion B as the Ridgeway and Hagen families (previous owners of the property) do not appear to be significant at the state, local or national level. The 1985 MIHP form includes a chain of title for the Ridgeway-Hagen House. Analyzation of US Census data and regional county histories were failed to reveal any connections of the Spalding, Ridgeway or Hagen families to significant events.

The resource does not appear to be eligible for the NRHP under Criterion C as the resource does not appear to be a significant example of a type or style of architecture or the work of a master.

A comparison of the dwelling in 2007 with a photograph of the structure from 1900 details many alterations. The original dwelling had two gable-end chimneys while the current dwelling retains only one. According to the 1985 MIHP form, the chimney was removed in 1923 to make way for a one-story bathroom addition. In addition, the 1985 MIHP form indicates that the locust wood support piers were removed in 1923 and replaced with a brick foundation. The roof was originally clad in wood shakes while the current roof is sheathed in standing seam metal roofing.

The façade (north elevation) has been subject to many alterations, including the addition of a porch and incompatible concrete columns, the shed roof dormer, and the creation of new fenestration openings. The original plan appears to have been altered and no longer resembles a true Hall and Parlor plan.

This structure is currently vacant and is in a serious state of disrepair, and has been deemed a safety concern by Prince George's County. A complete survey of the interior of the dwelling was not possible due to the danger of structural fatigue and a large amount of furniture and garbage blocking the majority of the first floor. A fireplace surround, noted in the 1985 MIHP form, is missing from the dwelling, leaving a scar on the plaster and the fireplace has been plastered closed. Holes were noted on the interior walls and exposed electrical wiring was visible.

The resource no longer retains its integrity of design, materials, workmanship, association or feeling of an early 19th century dwelling. The building is suffering from demolition by neglect and does not retain many of its original features of an early Hall-Parlor dwelling. In comparison to other early Hall-Parlor style dwellings constructed in the early 19th century in Prince George's County (found in the MHT's database); this building does not retain many of its original character defining features. Additionally,

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this resource no longer indicates its period of construction. Thus, the resource does not appear to be eligible under Criterion C.

Finally, until archaeological investigations are conducted, it is unknown whether the resource would be eligible under Criterion D.

#### Works Consulted

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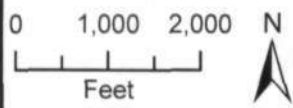
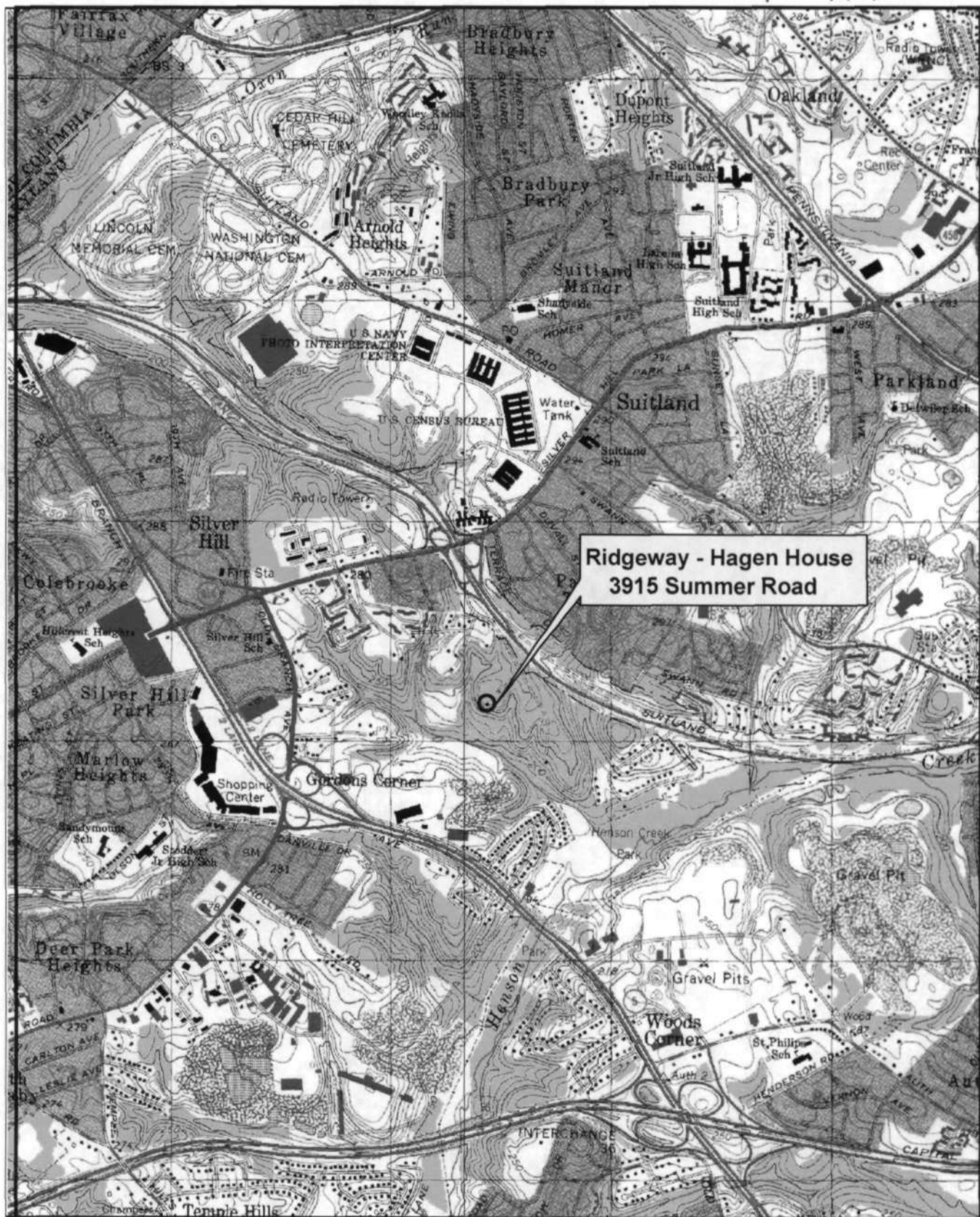
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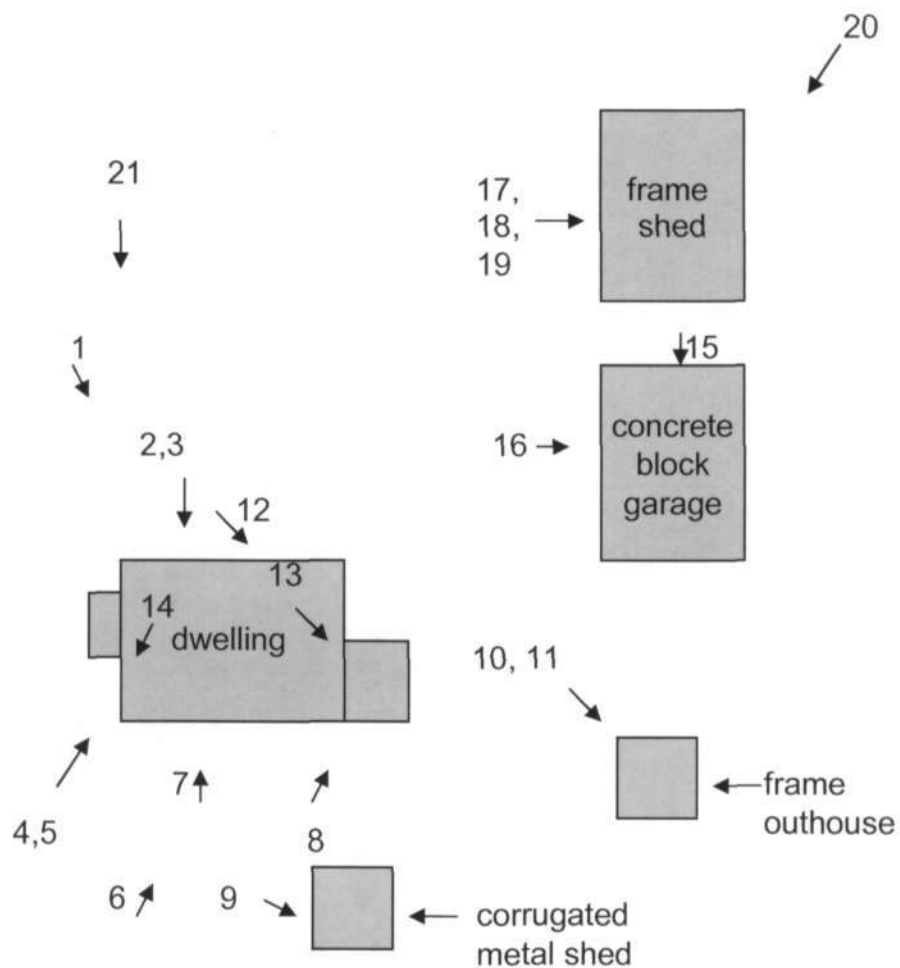
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**RIDGEWAY - HAGEN HOUSE**  
**3915 SUMMER ROAD**  
**SUITLAND, MARYLAND**

Source: Anacostia, MD  
 (1965 / 1979)  
 USGS 7.5 Minute Quadrangle



**Photo Location Map**  
Ridgeway-Hagen House  
3915 Summer Road, Suitland, MD

**Legend**  
↓ 1 = photo locations  
Not To Scale

PG: 76A-1





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Ridgeway Hagen House  
Prince Georges County  
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MD SHPO  
Facade of Dwelling, north elevation facing south  
photo 1 of 20

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Concrete pillar detail on facade, facing south (north elevation)

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Detail of Board + Batten on pediment facing south  
(north elevation)

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West elevation facing northeast

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Detail of Foundation, 2nd floor, North (Northwest)

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South elevation facing north

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detail of window, south elevation facing north

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southeast elevation addition facing northeast  
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Corrugated metal ~~at house~~ shed facing South

photo 9 320



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wooden onthouse facing east  
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Wooden out house facing east  
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Ridgeway-Hagen House  
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detail of facade fenestration, north elevation facing south  
photo 12 of 20

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Prince Georges County  
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detail of interior dwelling - note missing fireplace surround  
photo 13 of 20

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MIHP No. P676A-1  
Ridgeway Hazen House  
Prince Georges County  
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detail of kitchen facing west  
photo 14 of 20

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Ridgeway Hagen House  
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concrete block garage, facing south  
photo 15 of 24

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Prince Georges County  
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concrete block garage, facing east  
photo 16 of 24

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MHP # PG 76A-1  
Ridgeway Hagen House  
Prince Georges County  
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tan paper and corrugated metal shed. facing east  
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MIHP # PG76A-1  
Ridgeway Hagen House  
Prince Georges County  
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interior of tar paper and corrugated metal shed,  
facing east

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No. 200

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MIHP PG 7CA-1  
Ridgeway-Hagen House  
Prince Georges County  
Sandra Scotti  
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MD SHPO  
Interview of tax paper and corrugated metal shed  
Photo 19 of 20 facing east

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for paper shed facing west

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Ridgeway Hagen House

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facade, facing south

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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #76A-1 Building Date: ca. 18th-19th c.

Building Name: Ridgeway-Hagen House

Location: 3915 Summer Road, Suitland, Maryland

Private/Residence/Unoccupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description

Situated on 27 wooded acres, the Ridgeway-Hagen house is a simple, one-and-one-half-story rectangular frame structure with a steep, standing-seam metal gable roof. The east (front) facade is five asymmetrical bays with entrance on the fourth bay, flanked by 6/6 windows. The gable roof entrance porch has a pediment covered with verticle siding ending in a saw-tooth border. The porch roof rests on cement-covered brick posts. Centered on the facade at loft level is a two-bay, shed roof dormer. The south gable end has a high interior chimney at the gable ridge. The first story is covered by the one story, shed roof, frame storage shed. The north gable end is one bay, centered under the gable roof ridge. The three bay rear facade has a central entrance flanked by two 6/6 windows. The house rests on a brick foundation and is sided with sawn horizontal wood siding, painted white. The interior has a hall-parlor plan. The larger room has a boxed stair to a loft in the southwest corner and a large wooden mantle on the south wall. The smaller north room is a kitchen. Visible in a crawl space, the sill is hand hewn with hand-cut gains into which flattened logs were placed as joists. The superstructure also includes diagonal braces with brick nogging. The house was altered in 1923, the exterior kitchen chimney was removed for a bathroom addition. The two-bay, shed roof dormer was added and the lean-to shed. The original locust piers supporting the house were removed and brick piers installed. According to the owner there was a cemetery southeast of the house that has been weathered and vandalized to the point that the stones are illegible. West of the house is a metal sided twentieth century smoke house.

Significance

The Ridgeway-Hagen House appears to date from the late 18th or early 19th century. Its hall and parlor plan, steep gable roof, irregular wood siding, hand-hewn sill and joists; and information about its construction from the owner indicate an early construction date. The house is situated on property owned by Philip Spalding in 1828. Spalding kept an ordinary at "Moore's Old Stand", on the road to Washington, D.C. The sixth county election district, formed in 1816, was named for Spalding. The house and 30 acres were sold by Spalding's heirs to Jesse Ridgeway in 1829. If not before, the house was constructed at this time. The property was the Ridgeways from 1829 through 1910. The tract was transferred to Henry J. Hagen in 1914 and is now owned by Hagen's heirs. Hagen altered the house in the early 1920's. The Ridgeway-Hagen House is significant for its age, good condition, and its early nineteenth century vernacular style. It is a significant reminder of an earlier lifestyle in a now congested area around Andrews Air Force Base.

Acreage: 27 acres

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. P.G. #76A-1

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Ridgeway-Hagen House

and/or common Ridgeway-Hagen House

## 2. Location

street & number 3915 Summer Road ☐ not for publicationcity, town Suitland, ☐ vicinity of congressional district 4

state Maryland county Prince George's

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Karl H. Hagen

street &amp; number 3813 Summer Road telephone no.:

city, town Suitland, state and zip code MD. 20746

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber G.S.O. 2

street &amp; number Main Street folio 421

city, town Upper Marlboro, state MD. 20772

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Historic Sites and Districts Plan Inventory

date July 1981 ☐ federal ☐ state ☒ county ☐ local

depository for survey records History Division, M-NCPPC

city, town Riverdale, state MD. 20737

## 7. Description

Survey No. P.G. #76A-1

### Condition

☐ excellent  
☐ good  
☒ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Ridgeway-Hagen house is situated on 27 acres of wooded property, reached by a long, unpaved lane. The house is a simple, one-and-one-half-story rectangular frame structure with a steep, standing-seam metal gable roof. It has a centered, two bay shed roof dormer on the east (front) facade and one-story shed roof additions on the north and south gable ends. There is a corbelled brick interior chimney on the south gable end.

The east (front) facade has five asymmetrical bays. The entrance on the fourth bay is flanked by 6/6 double hung sash windows. A gable roof entrance porch shelters the center three bays. It has a pediment covered with vertical siding which ends in a saw-tooth, decorative border. The porch roof rests on heavy, cement-covered brick posts made by the owner's father in the early 20th century. Above the porch, centered on the facade at loft level is a two-bay, shed roof dormer.

The south gable end has two six light windows on the attic story, and a high interior chimney at the gable ridge. The first story is covered by the one story, shed roof, frame storage shed. The north gable end is one bay, centered under the gable roof ridge. There is a one by one bay shed roof bathroom addition on the northeast corner of the facade.

The three bay west (rear) facade has a central entrance flanked by two 6/6 windows, and shaded by a shed roof, one bay porch. The house rests on a brick foundation and is sided with sawn horizontal wood siding, painted white.

The interior has a two-room, hall and parlor plan. The entrance opens into the larger room, which has a boxed stair to a loft in the southwest corner. There is a large, handsome wooden mantle on the south wall, with a dentiled cornice, fluted frieze and two flanking fluted pilasters. The smaller north room is a kitchen.

Visible in a crawl space beneath the building, the sill is hand hewn with hand-cut gains into which flattened logs were placed as joists. The superstructure also includes diagonal braces with brick nogging. The siding material is original but was "turned over" according to the owner, to expose the unweathered side.

The house was altered in 1923, when the exterior brick kitchen chimney on the north facade was removed and a one-story, one-bay bathroom addition constructed. The two-bay, shed roof dormer on the east (front) facade was added at this time, as was the shed roof addition on the south facade. The original locust wood piers supporting the house were removed at this time and brick piers installed. A foundation of brick enclosing the support piers was also constructed.



## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
				Local History

Specific dates Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Ridgeway-Hagen House is isolated, set far back on an unpaved private road. The house appears to date from the late eighteenth or early nineteenth century. Its hall and parlor plan, steep gable roof, irregular wood siding, hand-hewn sill and joists; and information about its construction from the owner all indicate an early construction date.

The house is situated on property owned by Philip Spalding prior to his death in 1828.<sup>1</sup> Spalding resided on a part of his 400-acre property and kept an ordinary at "Moore's Old Stand", apparently a landmark on the road to Washington, D.C.<sup>2</sup> The sixth county election district was formed in 1816 and named for Spalding.<sup>3</sup>

The house and 30 acres were sold by Spalding's heirs to Jesse Ridgeway in 1829.<sup>4</sup> If the house was not built before, it was probably constructed at this time. The property belonged to the Ridgeway family from 1829 through 1910.<sup>5</sup> The thirty acre tract was transferred to Henry J. Hagen in 1914 and is now owned by Hagen's heirs.<sup>6</sup> Hagen added the front dormer, porch, lean-to shed and bathroom addition to the house in the early 1920's.<sup>7</sup>

The Ridgeway-Hagen House is significant for its age, good condition, and its early nineteenth century vernacular style. It has had only a few owners over its long history and has received good care during its recent history. It occupies one of the few undeveloped parcels in the rapidly developing area around Andrews Air Force Base. It is a significant reminder of an earlier lifestyle in a now congested area.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. P.G. #76A-1

See Notes, Section 8

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 27 acres

Tax Map 88D-1, p. 333

Quadrangle name Anacostia B

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## #7. Continued

According to the owner there was a cemetery southeast of the house that has been weathered and vandalized to the point that the stones are illegible. Approaching the house to the east is a frame, gable roof shed/garage. There is also a frame well and wash house set in a bank. To the west of the house is a small, metal sided twentieth century smoke house.

Notes

- 1 Land Records of Prince George's County, Wills, TT 1:426, 1828.
- 2 Out of the Past, Prince Georgians and Their Land, R. Lee Van Horn, Prince George's County Historical Society, Riverdale, Maryland, 1976, pg. 256, 273.
- 3 Ibid. pg. 270.
- 4 Land Records of Prince George's County, AB 5:441, 1829.
- 5 Ibid. 66:181, 1910.
- 6 Ibid. 101:114, 1914.
- 7 Conversation with Karl H. Hagen, April 1985.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Ridgeway House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Summer Road, south of Suitland Parkway

CITY, TOWN

Suitland

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Prince George's

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

☒ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

☒ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH  
**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☐ YES RESTRICTED  
☒ YES UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

**PRESENT USE**

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☒ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Prince George's County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Upper Marlboro

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION****CONDITION**

☒ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is an unusual-appearing structure that sits in a small clearing, in a pine woods off Suitland Parkway and Silver Hill Rd. It is beleived to be an old log cabin-now covered up. It is a cabin-type structure of one-story, with a very steep A-roof that has attic living space above. A large, dormer window addition almost spans the entire front (east) of the house. Below this, is a wide pedimented portico, supported by square concrete posts. The pediment has a saw-tooth design along its bottom edge. The door is set off-center here. There are shed-roof additions on the north and south ends. The siding is of old clapboards, and there is a chimney set within the south end-wall. There are several older outbuildings nearby, including a frame meathouse. The house was probably remodeled early in this century.

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Believed to be an old log cabin underneath its many unusual additions. Quaint and unique, it merits further investigation. May have been the Ridgeway House, shown on the 1878 Atlas.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

- 1) Hopkins' 1878 Atlas.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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DATE

11/21/73

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CITY OR TOWN

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

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## Chain of Title

### Ridgeway-Hagen House P.G. #76A-1

GSO 2:421 27 Mar 1951 Will	The residue of the real estate owned by deceased at the time of his death contained 30 acres which was improved by dwelling house and out buildings. Will of Henry J. Hagen left property to children Annie K. Blake, Bertha Kelly and Karl H. Hagen. Same property acquired by Hagen by #101:114.
101:114 28 July 1914 Deed	Warren Cochran and Sue C. Cochran, his wife, to Henry J. Hagen, 30 acres in Spalding District. Same land obtained by Cochran by #99:103.
99:103 24 June 1914 Deed	T. Van Clagett, attorney for Equity #4325, to Warren Cochran, 30 acres of land being the same property which was conveyed to John A. Fairall (by #66:181).
4325 4 Oct 1913 Equity	Mortgage default resulted in a private sale of property to Warren Cochran on 28 May 1914. Same property conveyed to John A. Fairall, by Merrill Brooke Ridgeway.
66:181 30 July 1910 Deed	Merrill Brook Ridgeway and Olive D. Ridgeway, his wife, to John A. Fairhall, all that tract or part of a tract of land known as "Part of the Summers" in Spalding District, containing 30 acres of land.
WRS 1:129 15 April 1902 Will	I give and devise unto my wife Ellen A. Ridgeway all the real estate which I may die seized and possessed. then on her death said real estate is to be the property of my son Merrill Brooke Ridgeway in fee simple.
JWB: 11:497 22 Sep. 1866 Indenture	Thomas Ridgeway, Levin Ridgeway and Ann Maria Ridgeway, his wife, and Jesse Ridgeway and Mary Rebecca Ridgeway, his wife, to Francis Ridgeway, Lot #1 containing 30 acres to further carry out the provisions of the last will and testament of their father Jesse Ridgeway.
FS 4:196 22 Sept 1866 Indenture	Thomas Ridgeway, Levin Ridgeway and Ann Marie Ridgeway, his wife, and Jesse Ridgeway and Mary Rebecca Ridgeway, his wife, to Francis Ridgeway Lot #1 containing 30 acres of land, to further carry out the provision of the last will and testament of their father, Jesse Ridgeway.

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WAJ 1:165  
17 Sept 1860  
Will

That the house I now occupy and thirty acres of land thereto attached to my beloved wife Ann Verlinda Ridgeway and my son Francis Ridgeway.

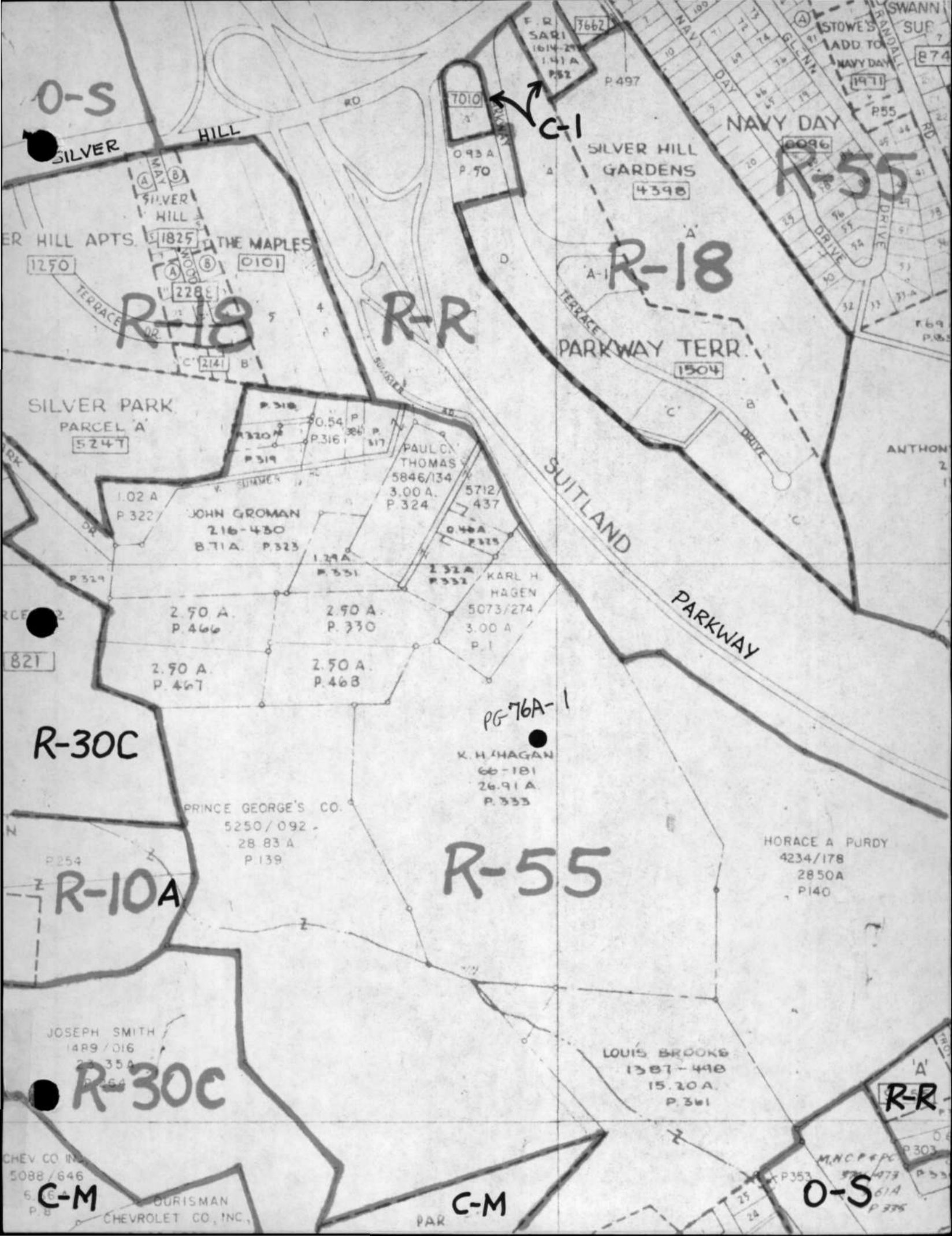
AB 5:441  
15 Jan 1829  
Indenture

John W. Spalding, Catherine Spalding and Levin Mahew and wife to Jesse Ridgeway. For \$600 grantors convey part of 2 parcels - a Part of Silver Hill on the East side of the road from Alexandria to Bladensburg and a part of Three Brothers, also on East side of the road - containing 100 acres with appertenances, being a part of the estate of Philip Spalding, dec'd.

TT 1:426  
25 Mar 1828  
Will

To my three youngest children, Marie, Catherine and John William I leave the tract of land I reside upon - 400 acres.





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SILVER HILL

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THE MAPLES

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R-18

R-55

SILVER PARK

PARCEL A

5247

JOHN GROMAN

2.16-4.30

8.71 A. P. 323

PAUL C. THOMAS

5846/134

3.00 A. P. 324

KARL H. HAGEN

5073/274

3.00 A. P. 1

K. H. HAGEN

66-181

26.91 A. P. 333

PRINCE GEORGE'S CO.

5250/092

28.83 A. P. 139

R-55

HORACE A. PURDY

4234/178

28.50 A. P. 140

LOUIS BROOKS

13.87-4.48

15.20 A. P. 361

JOSEPH SMITH

1489/016

22.35 A. P. 354

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Marina King

April 1985

Northeast elevation

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Marina King

April 1985

West elevation

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Marina King  
April 1985  
ca. 1900 photograph, East elevation  
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Prince George's County, MD.  
Marina King  
April 1985  
Interior - Mantel  
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NAME PG# 76A-1 RIDGEWAY (LOG?) HOUSE

LOCATION SUMMER RD OFF SUITLAND PKWAY. SUITLAND, Md.

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